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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed November 9, 2009 in this application. This response is being filed within the third month after the three-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Action. A separate petition and fee for a three-month extension of time are being filed concurrently with this amendment, which resets the response deadline to May 10, 2010 (May 9 being a Sunday).

The \$110.00 small entity fee for the presentation of an additional independent claim (amended claim 13) is also being submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee that may be due and to refund any excess to the undersigned's deposit account no. 50-0573.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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